

Weare Heritage Commission
MINUTES
June 24, 2009

In attendance: Chairperson George Malette, Vice Chairperson Heleen Kurk, Secretary Meg Malette, Donna Osborne, and Pat Karpen.

Heleen Kurk and Pat Karpen were sworn in by Town Clerk Evelyn Connor to be official members of the Weare Heritage Commission.

A motion was made by Donna and seconded by Pat to approve the May minutes, as amended.

Donna Osborne said that grants targeted to a specific mission are to be voted on by the people of Weare.

Pat Karpen met with Nadine Peterson at the Division of Historical Resources.

CLG is best way to get grants, according to Nadine Peterson. There are many mandates connected to being a CLG.

Moose plate grants, which are only brick and mortar grants, would be another way to get grants.

If Weare has a state or federal building in an historical registry, then other grants will also be available.

Some people in town don't want to have people telling them what to do with their homes with regard to historical homes and buildings. Pat believes that we should educate people that the Heritage Commission is an advisory board, an entity that disseminates information.

Donna asked what the difference is between the Weare Historical Society and the Weare Heritage Commission. The difference between the two is that the Weare Historical Society is non-profit, and the Weare Heritage Commission was ratified by the citizens of Weare and is a governmental body.

Pat emphasized that the Weare Heritage Commission should be a go to place for Weare citizens seeking help and assistance with historic buildings.

George mentioned building assessments:

Historic preservationist and building specialist perform building assessments on historic buildings to determine its history and needs. There is a cost to perform these assessments. Where do we get the money to get the grants to pay for assessments?

Heleen said that the commission should work toward becoming visible and beneficial to the town by getting on the cable and other initiatives.

We, as the commission, have to make a positive presence first before we do anything controversial.

Heleen said the commission's members make a long term commitment on the commission to reach our goals.

Pat said that the library gave the Weare Heritage Commission permission to have a PowerPoint presentation and brochures available during their book sale at Weare Home Day, as long as there is no audio.

Pat suggested that we thank the Friends of the Library by sending a thank you note to them. Pat said that she would do this.

Heleen suggested that we take a look at the space in the Town Hall, prior to Old Home Day to determine set up.

Pat suggested that we inform the Weare Historical Society of our presentation at Old Home Day. At the Weare Historical Society's next board meeting in July, the PowerPoint presentation and brochure should be passed out to the members.

Pat will contact National Park Service and Moose Grants to find out what we need to do to become eligible for grants.

Heleen went to the library to find out who was president in 1994 to determine whether or not there was a town wide survey created then. The conclusion is that a survey was probably not performed. The Master Plan was incorrect in referencing this survey.

George said that Sherry Burdick and Betty Straw took a look at the historical and resource map, created for the Conservation Commission. They made numerous additions and corrections to the map.

George said that he noticed on Channel 6 that a chicken coop was to be demolished. George spoke to Sherry about this and said that the chicken coop was insignificant.

The Preservation Alliance is now linking the green building concept with historical buildings, which were the first green buildings.

For the next commission meeting we should have drafts of the informational brochure and PowerPoint presentation to discuss.

Meg to have brochure of commission rewritten to reflect local feel.

Create poster board saying what we do for the citizens of Weare.

Donna will check with selectmen to find out about grants that need approval of the citizens.

Pat said that we should avail ourselves to different committees and boards of the town.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 A. M.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Malette

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Secretary